

Witness Resume

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Education:

BS Wildlife Management. 1978. Humboldt State Univ., Calif.

Experience:

Seasonal Employment

1978-1980: Biological Aide, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS), Klamath Basin National Wildlife Refuges: Assisted in conducting a steel shot study, conducted avian mortality transects, conducted avian cholera monitoring and clean-up, monitored and quantified agricultural crop utilization by waterfowl, conducted bald eagle counts.

1978: Biological Technician: USFWS, Benson Wetland Management District. Constructed boundary fence on fee title Waterfowl Production Area tracts, conducted waterfowl production inventories, assisted in native prairie restoration

1981-82: Biological Technician, USFWS, Fish Springs National Wildlife Refuge. Conducted line transect waterfowl nesting survey, conducted general bird surveys, performed noxious vegetation control, assisted with prescribed burning, assisted with construction of dikes for water impoundments.

Permanent Employment

1983-1989: Wildlife Biologist. U.S Department of Army, Ft. Sill Military Reservation. Had oversight of all non-game programs on the installation, involved in the planning of and execution of management efforts for big game, small game, fisheries resources, and habitat improvement and restoration.

1989-1991: Refuge Operation Specialist. USFWS, Havasu National Wildlife Refuge. Had primary responsibility for day-to-day operations of the Bill Williams National Wildlife Refuge. Included habitat improvement and monitoring, inter-agency coordination, law enforcement, fire suppression, and wildlife inventory. Also had primary law enforcement responsibility for the Topock Gorge Unit of Havasu NWR.

1991- present: Refuge Manager, USFWS, Fish Springs National Wildlife Refuge. Have had primary oversight for all aspects of Refuge operations including but not limited to: budget formulation and execution, personnel management and supervision, wildlife monitoring, habitat monitoring and manipulation, inter-agency coordination, and law enforcement. Extensive experience for over 15 years in the monitoring of and utilization of springs inflows to manage the impounded wetlands on the Refuge. Includes oversight of spring inflow monitoring, documentation of water utilization on the Refuge and the day-to-day management of available inflow through the system of impoundments on the Refuge.